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Help Save America's Wildlife!
Protect Nature's Ecological Balance and Man's Natural Environment!

Dear Conservationist:

A WILDLIFE CRISIS EXISTS IN AMERICA TODAY. American wildlife needs more protection from Man in order to survive. Information coming from our members in the actual fields of operations indicates that many species in many areas where they are most needed are still being indiscriminately and cruelly destroyed, in some instances, to the point of extinction.

This wanton destruction is occurring frequently on your public lands, to your wildlife, and with your tax dollars. Federally appointed or authorized animal control agents spend your tax money trapping and poisoning your wildlife, frequently for the questionable benefit of a small minority of sheep growers, and others with an unscientific, distorted "kill everything" approach.

The so-called "predators" are the chief targets, but not the only victims, for many others are destroyed. Endangered species also are victims. Innocent, lovable animals, ecologically important, are being killed.

After this reduction or elimination of the predators, naturally, almost routinely, the rodents and rabbits overpopulate, causing trouble. Then Government "animal control" workers again distribute more poison over the land, contaminating the human environment.

The use of snowmobiles, helicopters and airplanes as hunting devices, from which no mammal can well escape, are being employed against even endangered species—polar bears and wolves. Restrictions are being called for to ban the use of such motorized devices in hunting.

Conservationists are opposing the unnecessary destruction, by shortsighted and powerful pressure groups, of wetlands, and certain large areas of superb wildlife habitat, ecologically important to man for his own welfare.

Comparatively few people, particularly in urban areas, know the extent or the manner in which their wildlife is being destroyed, for fun, or for profit—frequently a questionable profit by a minority.

Read about these and other issues in the DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE NEWS, an attractive, authoritative, family, wildlife magazine, covering the many phases of "conservation" affecting wildlife.

Constructive efforts by political leaders, public officials, business and industrial groups, and private individuals to advance the cause of wildlife are encouraged by every means possible. Help us achieve corrective action.

It is through persons of knowledge, of quick perception, and of conscience that action for correction must come. Will you share our concern, and join us to help save our wildlife and the American land?

Sincerely,

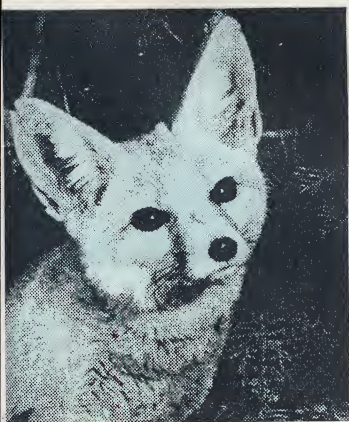
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ALL WILDLIFE ARE TARGETS FOR DESTRUCTION!

KIT FOX ENDANGERED!



This entirely beneficial kit fox, whose "staff of life" is kangaroo rats and grasshoppers, with some lizards and insects added, is nearly extinct in many areas. The use of "1080" poison, widely dispersed against coyotes and rodents is largely responsible.



COYOTE POISONED!

Agonizing death from "1080" poison evidenced by snow furrowed away by thrashing of head and legs.

Help us arouse people against poisoning our wildlife!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE WILL HELP . . .

1. Advocate the elimination of wildlife bounties.
2. Distribute free educational material on wildlife to juniors and to adults; replace myths with facts and understanding.
3. Encourage the use of fur-like fabrics to save fur-bearing wildlife.
4. Expose and publicize abuse of animals in captivity, calling for remedial action.
5. Oppose persecution of the coyote, cougar, wolf and other important predators; oppose all indiscriminate so-called control programs against wildlife.
6. Oppose use in the wild of the cruel, indiscriminate, chain-action poison "compound 1080," and other cruel poisons.
7. Oppose use of insecticides, pesticides or any poison that may destroy wildlife ecosystems.
8. Oppose unwise and unnecessary destruction of extensive wildlife habitat by selfish and powerful pressure groups.
9. Oppose exploitation of Endangered Species.
10. Publish DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE NEWS, an authoritative family magazine, containing articles on all phases of nature, ecology, and wildlife; the latest news affecting wildlife; related legislation pending in State Legislatures and in the U.S. Congress, and what conservationists are doing about such legislation; general educational articles about wild animals for both adults and juniors; book reviews.



BOBCAT TRAPPED!

Caught in a steel trap, it screams in frenzied fear and agony. Bobcats are, of course, harmless to man, and shy of him. They are ecologically important in nature and to man.

Two ways of dealing *this way—*



By indiscriminate "predator control" using cruel traps, vicious poisons and other means which violate the balance of nature and extensively do more harm than good for the purpose intended, besides periling humans and destroying our outdoors heritage.



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g with so-called pests—



MCMILLAN — Picture courtesy of Mrs. Marguerite A. Smelser shown above

or this way—

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This hawk shown disposing of a field rat illustrates nature's own means of dealing with excesses of species. Coyotes, hawks, and other predators are valuable in a properly respected balance. Their indiscriminate destruction upsets the chain of interdependency that vitally affects human welfare.



HOW DEFENDERS ARE EFFECTIVE—

DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE is a national, non-profit, educational organization dedicated to the preservation of all wildlife. Its objectives are to promote, through education and research, the protection and humane treatment of all mammals, birds, fish and other wildlife, and the elimination of painful methods of trapping, capturing and killing wildlife.

In hundreds of areas all over America, pressure groups are using the excuse of "predator" or "vermin" or "rabies" to encourage and to maintain the indiscriminate and senselessly cruel trapping and poisoning of unoffending, lovable, and ecologically important wildlife. This is frequently accomplished with OUR tax money on OUR public lands. By specific case history facts, and alerting of community leadership, the Defenders of Wildlife are making headway against such evils.

Defenders of Wildlife wage an unceasing educational campaign to enable public need in this cause to triumph over ignorance and selfishness. Our information helps witnesses before public bodies to be factual and specific. Our printed material points out to concerned groups and individuals how to make their aims known and resistance felt to obvious evils—cruelty, exploitation, and indiscriminate destruction of our valuable wildlife.

You know, and we know, that in the end, steps taken by national and state authorities to preserve a reasonable balance in our remaining natural resources, upon which wildlife is dependent, will be an exact reflection of the asserted resolve of the American people. In this the thinking of conscientious, informed, unselfish and at the same time practical men and women must triumph, if disaster is to be averted, and our great natural wildlife heritage, saved.

CRUELTY OF ROADSIDE ZOOS

THIS FOX JUMPED EVERY TIME A DOG BARKED

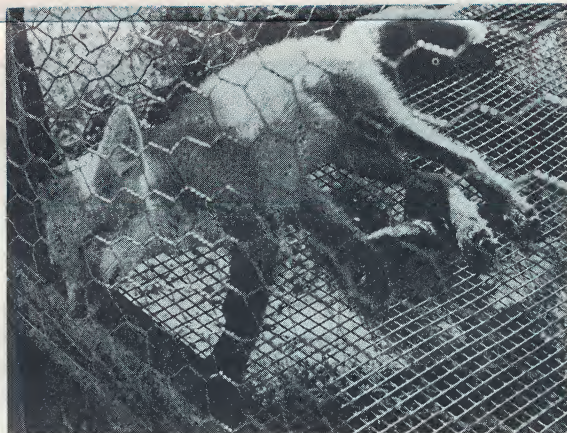


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Rows of small wire cages often hold many types of animals, frequently in filth. Seldom is any gesture of kindness evidenced toward the animal—in fact, quite the opposite. Why are predators and their prey put in adjoining cages?

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